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A method of enhancing the immunogenicity of an immunogen, antigen

or hapten, upon admin. to a host by whatever delivery means, the immunogen being covalently coupled to a polypeptide fragment (P) capable of specifically binding to mammalian serum albumin to form a complex, is new.

USE - The complexes and sequences encoding them are useful for preparing vaccines against bacteria, parasites or esp. viruses. The immunogen is pref. derived from a surface glycoprotein (e.g. haemagglutinin neuraminidase HN or fusion protein F) of hepatitis A, B or C virus, measles virus or parainfluenza virus 3. In particular, the immunogen is derived from amino acids 130-230 of Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) sub-group A or B protein G (designated ''G2A'').

ADVANTAGE - Immunogenicity of an antigen or hapten is enhanced when covalently coupled to (P). In the specific case where immunogen G2A was fused to BB it was found that BB induces T helper memory cells leading the prodn. of anti-G2A antibodies by stimulated B cells.

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